

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 13-21 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement set forth in the November 26, 2008 Office Action, Applicants provisionally elects for prosecution Species 1, which includes claims 1-10. However, the current restriction requirement is improper. As stated in MPEP 803, "[i]f the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions". Here, there is no serious burden on the Examiner because independent claims 11 and 12 respectively include all of the limitations of independent claims 1 and 4. For example, the first substrate of claim 11 includes the same elements as the array substrate of claim 1 and the first substrate of claim 12 includes the same elements as the array substrate of claim 4. Since an examination of claims 11 and 12 covers claims 1 and 4, there would be no serious burden on the Examiner. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application. An early and favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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